

Puget Sound Estuary Management

Puget Sound Management Plan Goal

- To protect and restore Puget Sound through effective coordination among governments and private interests, and through use of an adaptive management approach.

Strategies for Achieving the Goal

- Maintain, evaluate and update the *Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan* as needed.
- Develop and implement Puget Sound work plans each biennium.
- Require accountability by implementing agencies.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the biennial work plans in meeting the goals of the management plan.
- Obtain adequate funding to implement the management plan and work plans.
- Provide technical assistance for implementers.
- Provide strong enforcement of all relevant environmental laws.
- Ensure that federal activities are consistent with the intentions of the management plan.

Background and Trends

The *Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan* provides the framework for managing and protecting Puget Sound. Every two years, the

Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team develops work plans—based on the *Puget Sound Management Plan*—and the Council oversees their implementation. The Action Team and Council identify priorities for actions to protect the Sound and its resources. These actions are carried out by federal, tribal, state and local governments and others.

Adequate funding is crucial for protecting Puget Sound. The Action Team advocates full funding for existing federal and state programs that provide grants and loans to protect the Sound. The Action Team also advocates enhancing the capacity of local jurisdictions to raise their own funds.

The *Puget Sound Management Plan* is also the state's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for Puget Sound. The CCMP is authorized by the federal Clean Water Act. As a CCMP, the plan addresses federal actions affecting Puget Sound. Under the Clean Water Act, the Puget Sound CCMP is supported, in part, by federal technical and financial assistance.

Highlights of 2001-2003 Actions

- The Action Team support staff will prepare the *2003-2005 Puget Sound Water Quality Work Plan*.
- The Action Team support staff will evaluate successes and shortcomings for the 2001-2003 work plan.

- Implementation of the *2000 Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan* will be evaluated through the use of program measures, case studies and trends in environmental indicators.

2001-2003 Budget for State Actions

Total Provided Funding	\$1,391,452
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JOINT STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	Pri- ori- ty	Non- point	Sal- mon	Budget Code	PS Plan Element	Action ID

The Puget Sound Action Team recommends that agencies which administer grant and loan programs should give priority, to the extent possible under statutory requirements, to actions identified in the work plan.

JOINT OUTCOME

	Funding will be directed to implement work plan actions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JO-0	EM-4	1
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STATE AGENCY ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	Pri- ori- ty	Non- point	Sal- mon	Budget Code	PS Plan Element	Action ID
PUGET SOUND WATER QUALITY ACTION TEAM							
Coordinate implementation of the work plan.	Implementers will understand relationships among work plan programs and related programs. The Action Team, Puget Sound Council and other groups will meet to oversee implementation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-1	5
Prepare the "2003-2005 Puget Sound Water Quality Work Plan." Identify priorities and critical next steps. Involve the Action Team and Council in key decisions. Involve governments, interested parties and the public in preparing the plan and coordinate planning with other relevant initiatives.	The "2003-2005 Puget Sound Water Quality Work Plan" will be prepared and submitted to the governor and legislature.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-1	6
Develop benchmarks and goals for the Action Team's performance measures. Update performance measures annually.	The legislature and public will be better informed about short and long-term performance in protecting and restoring Puget Sound. The Action Team will more effectively target and improve programs to protect and restore Puget Sound.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-1	7
Evaluate successes and shortcomings of the 2001-2003 work plan. Prepare a final progress report for the 1999-2001 work plan and a first year of progress report for the 2001-2003 work plan. Provide feedback to those implementing the work plan. (These tasks are assigned to the Puget Sound Council.)	Implementation of the work plan will be improved.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-1	8
Update the "2000 Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan" as needed.	Goals, strategies and elements will be reviewed and revised in a timely manner. The "Puget Sound Management Plan" will be coordinated with biennial work plans and other relevant initiatives. Governments, interested parties and the public will be involved in the update.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-1	9
Support development of state and federal environmental policies, programs and regulations that protect Puget Sound. Provide technical assistance to help implementing agencies use best available science in implementing this work plan.	Policies, programs and regulations will be improved to better protect Puget Sound and its biological resources.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-1	10
Evaluate implementation of the "Puget Sound Management Plan" through use of program measures, case studies and trends in environmental indicators.	Implementation and effectiveness of the plan will be evaluated.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSAT-01	EM-3	11